

PERSECUTION THROUGH THE WORLD'S IGNORANCE

JOHN 15:21-16:4

I. THE WORLD HATES REGENERATE BELIEVERS BECAUSE OF THEIR IGNORANCE OF GOD THE FATHER (15:21-25)

- A. The World Is Not Acquainted With God In Any Familiar, Receiving Way (15:21)
- B. The World's Ignorance Of The Father Is Inexcusable (15:22-25)
 - 1. Because Of The Words Christ Spoke (15:22)
 - 2. Because Christ Himself Was The Very Explanation Of The Father (15:23)
 - 3. Because Of The Supernatural, Confirmatory Verification That Followed The Words (15:24-25)
 - a. Unique Works Never Before Done On The Scale That Christ Did In Such An Unprecedented Way (15:24)
 - b. Unique Works That Contradict Man's Dead Religion (15:25)

II. THE LORD TRANSITIONS FROM AN EXPLANATION OF THE CAUSE OF THE HATRED TO THE ISSUE OF CONTINUING TO TESTIFY IN SPITE OF IT (15:26-27)

- A. The Holy Spirit Himself Would Testify Through Them (15:26)
- B. They Would Bear Witness Because Of Their Unique Position With Him (15:27)

III. THE LORD STATES THE REASON HE HAS PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION (16:1-4)

- A. That They Should Not Be "Scandalized" By Such Rough Treatment (16:1)
- B. That They Be Forewarned Of The Extremity Of The Situation (16:2)